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THE LAST WORDS OF MOSES¹

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I

The Lord came from Sinai,
And rose from Seir unto them ;
He shined forth from Mount Paran,
And he came from the ten thousands of holy ones :
At his right hand was a fiery law unto them.
Yea, he loveth the tribes ;
All their holy ones are in thy hand :
And they sat down at thy feet ;
Every one received of thy words.

II

Moses commanded us a law, an inheritance for the assemblies of Jacob
(and he was king in Jeshurun), when the heads of the people were gathered,
all the tribes of Israel together.

OF REUBEN

Let Reuben live, and not die ;
And let not his men be few.

OF JUDAH

Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah,
And bring him unto his people :
With his hands he contended for himself ;
And thou shalt be an help against his adversaries.

OF LEVI

Thy Thummim and thy Urim are with him whom thou lovest,
Whom thou didst prove at Massah,
With whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah ;
Who said of his father, and of his mother, I have not seen him ;
Neither did he acknowledge his brethren,
Nor knew he his own children :
For they have observed thy word,
And keep thy covenant.

¹ The suggested form is that I and III are continuous, and make the General Blessing of Moses ; between these the blessings on particular tribes appear as a traditional document with a separate heading.

They shall teach Jacob thy judgments,
 And Israel thy law ;
 They shall put incense before thee,
 And whole burnt offering upon thine altar.
 Bless, LORD, his substance,
 And accept the work of his hands :
 Smite through the loins of them that rise up against him,
 And of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

OF BENJAMIN

The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him ;
 He covereth him all the day long,
 And he dwelleth between his shoulders.

OF JOSEPH

Blessed of the LORD be his land ;
 For the precious things of heaven, for the dew,
 And for the deep that coucheth beneath,
 And for the precious things of the fruits of the sun,
 And for the precious things of the growth of the moons,
 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains,
 And for the precious things of the everlasting hills,
 And for the precious things of the earth and the fulness
 thereof,
 And the good will of him that dwelt in the bush :
 Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph,
 And upon the crown of the head of him that is prince among
 his brethren.
 His firstling bullock, majesty is his ;
 And his horns are the horns of the wild ox :
 With them he shall push the peoples, all of them, even the
 ends of the earth :
 And they are the ten thousands of Ephraim,
 And they are the thousands of Manasseh.

OF ZEBULUN AND ISSACHAR

Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out ;
 And, Issachar, in thy tents.
 They shall call the peoples unto the mountain ;
 There shall they offer sacrifices of righteousness :
 For they shall suck the abundance of the seas,
 And the hidden treasures of the sand.

OF GAD

Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad :
 He dwelleth as a lioness ;

And teareth the arm, yea, the crown of the head.
 And he chose the first part for himself,
 For there was a ruler's portion reserved ;
 And he came with the heads of the people,
 He executed the justice of the LORD,
 And his judgments with Israel.

OF DAN

Dan is a lion's whelp,
 That leapeth forth from Bashan.

OF NAPHTALI

O Naphtali, satisfied with favour,
 And full with the blessing of the LORD :
 Possess thou the west and the south.

OF ASHER

Blessed be Asher above sons ;
 Let him be acceptable unto his brethren,
 And let him dip his foot in oil.
 Thy bars shall be iron and brass ;
 And as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

III

There is none like unto God, O Jeshurun,
 Who rideth upon the heaven for thy help,
 And in his excellency on the skies.
 The eternal God is thy dwelling place,
 And underneath are the everlasting arms :
 And he thrust out the enemy from before thee,
 And said, Destroy.
 And Israel dwelleth in safety,
 The fountain of Jacob alone,
 In a land of corn and wine ;
 Yea, his heavens drop down dew.
 Happy art thou, O Israel,
 Who is like unto thee?
 A people saved by the LORD,
 The shield of thy help,
 And that is the sword of thy excellency !
 And thine enemies shall submit themselves unto thee ;
 And thou shalt tread upon their high places.

Deuteronomy 33.